**NOTICE**

**LONGFORD COUNTY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 – 2010 (SECTION 13)**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2010**

**Proposed Variation No. 2 to Longford County Development Plan 2015-2021**

Notice is hereby given under the above mentioned Acts that Longford County Council propose to make a variation to Longford County Development Plan 2015-2021 (The CDP), prepared in accordance with the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 (as amended) and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended), for the following reasons:

1. **To incorporate the provisions of Longford Town and Environs Local Area Plan 2016-2022 (LAP) as adopted, at Appendix 1A (replacing current mapping and Text)**

The proposed variation provides for the areas to be covered by the LAP within the CDP. This LAP will consolidate the zoning regime in Longford Town and Environs and provide an overall planning framework in the context of recent local government reform, incorporating zoning provisions for the Town and Environs area under the CDP, Town Development Plan, Northern Environs LAP and Southern Environs LAP. This LAP will also provide for Masterplan areas to promote the physical, social, economic and environmental development of Longford Town in line with its designated position within the settlement hierarchy at National, Regional and County Level.

The Draft LAP is currently on public display and has been subject to detailed Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Appropriate Assessment (AA) and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) processes.

1. **To incorporate the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015**

The proposed variation will amend existing policy **CS 2** in the CDP to facilitate the application of the provisions of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015.

The Proposed Variation has been subject to SEA and AA Screening processes and SEA and AA Screening Reports and associated SEA and AA Screening Determinations accompany the Proposed Variation on public display and should be read in conjunction with the Draft LAP (and associated SEA Environmental Reports, Stage 2 AA Natura Impact Report and SFRA document), also currently on public display.

Longford County Council invites interested parties or individuals to make submissions or observations with respect to the proposed Variation No.2 (and associated SEA and AA Screening Reports and associated SEA and AA Screening Determinations) during the public consultation stage from **Friday 22nd July 2016 to Wednesday 24th August 2016** (both dates inclusive). Children, or groups or associations representing children, are entitled to make submissions or observations.

Proposed Variation No. 2 (including SEA and AA Screening Reports and associated SEA and AA Screening Determinations) may be inspected at the Planning Department, Longford County Council, Áras an Chontae, Great Water Street, Longford during the display period and at Longford Branch Library, Longford Town Centre during normal library opening hours. It may also be viewed or downloaded on the Council’s website at [www.longfordcoco.ie](http://www.longfordcoco.ie).

Written submissions or observations with respect to the proposed Variation (including SEA and AA Screening Reports and associated SEA and AA Screening Determinations) made to Longford County Council within the said period will be taken into consideration before the making of the Variation.

Submissions should be made in writing and clearly marked “Longford County Development Plan 2015-2021 Proposed Variation No. 2” and addressed to:

Spatial Planning and Regeneration Unit

Longford County Council

Great Water Street

Longford

Submissions will be also be accepted by email to planning@longfordcoco.ie within the above timeframe with “Longford County Development Plan 2015-2021 Proposed Variation No. 2” in the subject heading. Please submit in one format only.

Signed: Barbara Heslin

Director of Services

Dated: Friday 22nd July 2016